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## Elba City Council appoints Johnathan Lockett to fill vacant District One seat

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, April 13, via a teleconference call due to the COVID-19 social distancing public health orders. All council members and Mayor Mickey Murdock were present for the meeting.

Council members addressed the vacancy of the District One council seat, which was vacated at the last council meeting by Rolanda Jones. Upon her resignation, Jones noted that she would like to see District One resident Johnathan Lockett appointed to fill the seat for the remainder of the current unexpired term.

Monday night, council member Tom Maddox made a motion with a second from council member AR Williams to appoint Lockett to the District One seat for the remainder of this term. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Murdock welcomed Lockett, who also was listening in on the teleconference call, to the council, and said he looked forward to Lockett working with Lockett as he represents his district.

Assistant city clerk Pat Boothe told council members that city employees



Johnathan Lockett

ees are continuing to work on split-staffing assignments due to the COVID-19 concerns while still providing necessary services for the city and its citizens. She said this seems to be working well thus far, and she has not been aware of any employees catching the virus.

Murdock added that all city employees have their temperatures checked prior to starting work each day, and if anyone shows to have a fever, that person is sent home until he/she goes two days fever-free.

"We have been blessed so far that no employees have been sick [with COVID-19]," Boothe said.

The assistant city clerk said the electric department was out in full force from

about 10 p.m. Sunday night, April 12, until well in the morning Monday, April 13, due to the storms that moved through the area. She said there were several calls of limbs/trees down on powerlines, etc., and several power outages around the town during that time, but the city was fortunate to not have any major issues. She said all power was restored in a timely manner by the electric crews.

Police Chief Leslie Hussey said his department, much like other city departments, had been trying to limit contact with the public as much as possible the past few weeks while still serving to the best of its ability due to the COVID-19. He said that was working well thus far.

Chief Hussey said Coffee County EMA provides him with information on any COVID-19 cases in the service area to help his officers and other first responders be more prepared in case they have to respond to something involving a person with the virus. He

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## Coffee County BOE conducts virtual board meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education members gathered virtually Thursday evening, April 9, for the board's regular monthly meeting.

The virtual board meeting was broadcast via Zoom Meeting on the internet. While there were a handful of people at the board of education meeting, the rest of those attending joined via computer.

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth provided the board with an update on how things would progress for the school system over the final month-plus of the 2019-2020 school year. He said learning packets could be picked up this week for students at assigned times while others would be emailed to those choosing that option to receive their schoolwork.

Once the assignments are completed by the students, Killingsworth said the schoolwork would be sent back to the teacher electronically, and no packets would be returned back physically to the school.

"I want to thank all of

our staff for getting things together for the students and for their willingness to think on the move," Killingsworth said.

He said seniors in 'good standing' with their completed course work are now considered graduates. As for those not in good standing, the super said their teachers would be making contact on what needs to be done to get that student to the point of graduation.

"We ask that our parents and students be patient with us during all of this," Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said. "If a parent has any particular questions, they are encouraged to get in contact with the student's teacher to discuss those questions."

"There will be a graduation [ceremony] even if it has to be a virtual ceremony," Killingsworth said. He said he could not say exactly when a graduation ceremony would be held for this year's seniors, but it would happen one way or another at some point.

Killingsworth also said

personal belongings for students left in classrooms and/or lockers would be gathered and a pickup time would be announced for the students or parents to come by the schools and get those items.

Killingsworth said the school system was looking at having all student-completed work in by May 8th. He said the last day of the school year for teachers is anticipated now to be May 22nd.

"We ask that our parents and students be patient with us during all of this," Killingsworth said.

"If a parent has any particular questions, they are encouraged to get in contact with the student's teacher to discuss those questions."

## Coffee County Commission opens several public WiFi spots to help students

As schools statewide prepare to complete the school year remotely, internet access will be critical to each student's continued academic success.

In order to ensure that all students have the tools needed to maximize their educational experience for the remainder of the semester, Coffee County is providing public WiFi access at several locations. The WiFi will be accessible in the parking lots at the Elba Courthouse, Enterprise Courthouse, County Farm Center, and Zion Chapel Senior Center.

The County is coordinating with the Town of Kinston and WiFi will be available at the Kinston Senior Center sometime next week.

As a reminder, each of these buildings will remain closed to the public. However, students will be able to access the public WiFi in the parking lot of each facility. In order to ensure the county able to continue to provide this service, citizens using public WiFi must remain in their vehicles and observe all social distancing protocols.

The Coffee County Commission encourages everyone to continue to follow guidance from health officials to protect themselves and to help minimize the impact of the virus.

## Elba High's Leighanne Sanders named Class 1A Bryant-Jordan Student-Achievement winner

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School senior Leighanne Sanders won the Class 1A Bryant-Jordan Student-Achievement Award, which was announced Monday night, April 13, during the 35th annual Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Awards Program.

This year's program was televised due to the COVID-19 concerns in the state, but it was an exciting night regardless for Elba as Sanders was named the Class 1A Achievement Award winner.

Sanders recently was named the Class 1A Region 2 achievement winner for the award, and she received a \$3,000 scholarship for that honor. Upon being announced the Class 1A achievement winner Monday night, Sanders received an additional \$3,500 scholarship.

"We here at Elba City



Leighanne Sanders

Schools are very proud of Leighanne Sanders on being named the Class 1A Bryant-Jordan Achievement winner," Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley said. "This was a great honor for Leighanne and for our school system. She is a very deserving young lady."

Monday night, a total of

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## Elba City Schools delivered nearly 2,000 meals to children on Monday

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Schools Child Nutrition Program (CNP) entered its second week of delivering meals to children ages 1-18 on Mondays with deliveries April 13th, and the response in this week unbelievable.

Meals are distributed on Mondays of each week with each child getting five breakfast and five lunch meals for that. Last week, the school system handed out 1,180 meals to 118 children.

On Monday of this week, 196 children received meals from Elba City Schools!

"Elba City Schools delivered 1,960 meals [Monday]," Elba CNP coordinator Christina Mor-



gan said. "That's a lot of food and getting to see 'our kids' while delivering makes it even more special."

Per USDA guidelines,

children must be present in order for meals to be provided. This is for pick-up of meals only, and no meals can be consumed on site.

"We are extremely pleased with the response we are getting with our meal delivery program," Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley said. "As long as students (children) are participating and are at the delivery sites to receive the meals, we will continue doing this each Monday through the end of this school year."

The meals mostly are being delivered by school buses to designated sites; however, Moseley said the response had been so great

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Photo by Drew Mack

MEMBERS OF THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WERE DISPATCHED late Sunday night, April 12, into early Monday morning, April 13, to assist with trees down on powerlines and/or across roadways in and around Elba due to a storm system that moved across the state. The storm knocked a large portion of a pecan tree down on powerlines around 1:43 a.m. Monday morning at 1105 Guyton Street (shown above). This was a common scene early Monday in several locations around Elba, according to members of the fire department as they assisted with removing trees overnight. The strong weather system also caused some short-lived power outages in Elba and Coffee County; but, no major damage was reported in the Elba area from the storms.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." — Charles Schulz

Samaritan's Purse's has set up a temporary hospital in New York City to treat the overflow of Coronavirus victims that has brought the medical community of that huge city to its knees. They brought their own doctors and nurses, etc. and are volunteers. These folks are working directly with the New York City medical community. Guess what? A member of the NYC city council is critical of them being there because of their strong Christian beliefs! Our initial thought when reading this news clip was to ponder how fast this individual would change his tune if he (or a member of his family) came down with the virus and this was the only place with any room and/or doctors and nurses to treat his illness? Hopefully we will never know, because no one should wish such a terrible fate on another person — not even a NYC politician.

The world has just celebrated another Easter season — but in a way much different than ever before. Many of our family members are sitting at their respective homes and have been posting Facebook pictures from past family Easter gatherings. With each new picture we pause and for a few moments relive that particular event with delight and a warm humble feeling in our chest. It still amazes us to see a child in one of those pictures and realize that individual is now a grandparent! Then all too many of those in those older pictures have passed on through to a greater reward and will always be missed. But as we often tell friends who have just lost a loved one, they are gone from your life, but the wonderful memories they left will be with you always.

More and more people can be seen wearing face masks and maybe even gloves during this still growing pandemic. That is a good health practice, however wearing them is not the total answer. We saw a short video by a nurse demonstrating 'germs'. She had on gloves and dipped her fingers in a bit of fresh green paint (representing germs). She then touched her cell phone when her mother called, her face to scratch an itch, the steering wheel of her car, etc., and suddenly she had germs everywhere!

Many, many churches are improvising during this trying time when not being able to hold traditional church services. They are doing it largely through social media and in many cases, we notice a vast improvement with each new broadcast service. They have to be saluted for not letting anything stop the spreading the Word of our Lord. However, in a fit of true confession, we don't want this to be a permanent substitute for the traditional Sunday morning gathering in the brick and mortar church facility. It just is not the same.

Elba native, Dr. Russell Bedsole, Dothan Internal Medicine doctor, believes the key to saving lives from COVID-19 is education and he is doing that through a twice weekly video. He graduated UAB medical school after completing his high school education at Elba High School (another Elba youth 'done' good). A number of Elba folks consider him 'their doctor'. In his videos Dr. Bedsole answers questions, debunks rumors and gently gives out the latest information about the ongoing pandemic. Listen to Bedsole's Facebook talks and a person can quickly grasp the seriousness of this virus and at the same time clear some of the rumors from the worry list. The top of his 'to do' list includes social distancing.

Be Safe and Wash Your Hands . . . . again!!

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## Alabama Securities Commission offers free financial education materials and budget tips to assist Alabamians during the COVID-19 pandemic and after

The Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) wants to make Alabama investors aware of free financial resources available on their website.

The information contained in the materials addresses investors of all stages of life and can empower them in their pursuit of financial success, or restoring personal financial stability as many are experiencing during this difficult time. In addition, the ASC provides useful information to help citizens cope with the financial challenges

caused by the pandemic.

The materials may be viewed on the ASC website under the "Education" link at the top of the page and can be accessed through the following link: [http://asc.alabama.gov/investor\\_education\\_3.aspx](http://asc.alabama.gov/investor_education_3.aspx).

## SPECIAL FINANCIAL TIPS FOR TODAY:

1. Everyone should have a checking account. Those who have a checking account often have the ability to route payments directly to the account instead of waiting for a check that could get lost in the mail,

including government stimulus payments and potential tax refunds. If you don't have a checking account, set one up at a bank or credit union the next time you have a deposit. If the institution says it won't accept a check issued by the U.S. Government, find one that will.

2. Compare the checking account fees of different banks. Since most banks and credit unions aren't paying much in interest these days, find a bank or credit union that doesn't charge a fee to open or maintain a checking account. Take a look at [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com) to study different checking account opportunities and call or visit different local banks and credit unions on the internet.

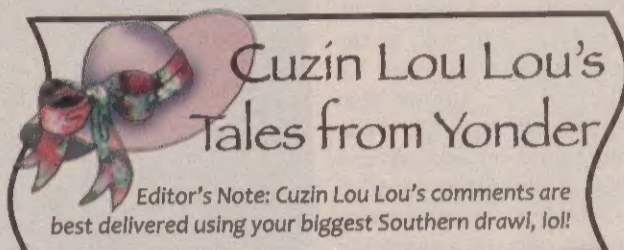
3. Prepare a detailed budget and live by it - now, during the pandemic, and forever. Use this time at home to meaningfully review finances and prepare a reasonable budget. Having one can provide peace of mind, especially during this uncertain time. The ASC can provide you more information on this topic. Some of our valued partners have excellent materials and training on the topic of budgeting (Alabama Co-

operative Extension System, Consumer Finance Protection Bureau and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation).

Running a household is a financial challenge, like running a business. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics only 25% of new businesses survive the 15 year mark. "Whether you currently own a business, run a household, or both, the key to being financially successful is to account for every penny and continually identify saving possibilities on recurrent expenses," says ASC Chief Deputy Amanda Senn.

We hope that you are able to commit to learning more about saving and investing, especially during the pandemic. The time invested will pay significant dividends in the long run. The ASC will continue to provide financial information and tips, and promote fraud awareness, to ensure Alabamians have the financial tools and knowledge they need to continue to recover and prosper.

If you have questions or want more information contact Dan Lord, Education and Public Affairs Manager by email: [dan.lord@asc.alabama.gov](mailto:dan.lord@asc.alabama.gov) or call 334-353-4858.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou prepared to go into the grocery store to get some needed items for her Easter feast... well, Easter meal really since this year would be different than any other due to the social distancing required by the state's response to the COVID-19 virus.

She pulled her mask on... then, it hit her!

"I should have brought my cowgirl hat too," she exclaimed!

Sister rolled her eyes. She did not really want to ask Lou Lou what she meant by that statement, but she asked anyway. She would regret it!

"Why in the world would you need that hat to go inside the grocery store, Lou Lou?"

"When else am I going to be able to go in places looking like an armed robber from the wild west and it be permissible," was the response with no hesitation.

"You did not just say that during a time like this," Sister responded.

"Well... why not! I look like a total goof ball wearing a mask into the grocery store, but at the same time it is necessary to follow the public health suggestions for safety. Might as well have a little fun too."

For once, Sister could not help but agree that Lou Lou made a valid point.

It is no fun wearing masks over our noses and mouths as we go into places like the grocery store to pick up essential items needed to eat and keep our homes operating. It is no fun staying 6

feet away from basically every person you know.

By now, everyone's hands most likely are as dry as Lou Lou's from all the hand washing with antibacterial soap and cleansing every time you get in and out of the car with hand sanitizer.

The list of preventative measures being taken could go on and on. And, truth told there probably are even more things we should be doing but aren't or haven't thought of yet.

But, if illnesses are prevented and lives are saved by "looking like a goofball every time we walk into the grocery store with our masks on" then it will be worth the effort. We may not realize it now, but we will certainly appreciate it when the time comes that we all can be out and about again and enjoying ourselves by participating in extra-curricular activities again.

It may seem like it is taking forever but hang in there. There will be a day when this is all a memory. However, don't block it so far away that we return to the things that got us in this mess in the first place.

There are lessons about life that have been learned during this quarantine time... let's not forget those lessons when our fear of COVID-19 leaves us.

In the meantime, pretend you're stuck in the wild west next time you gear up for the grocery store, and have a little fun along the way! Until next time... God Bless and Keep Smiling!

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 7, and Monday, April 13, conducted the following activity:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7** — Officers responded to 52 Sawyer St in reference to a theft of property report (12:20 a.m.); Officers responded to 315 Sawyer St in reference to a burglary report (1:46 a.m.); Officers responded to 19780 Hwy 87 in reference to a trespassing complaint (3:39 a.m.); Officers responded to Hickman Ave in reference to a suspicious vehicle complaint (10:42 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8** — Officers responded to Guyton St in reference to a trespassing complaint (9:38 a.m.); Officers responded to Hwy 203/Hwy 189 S in reference to a burglary complaint (12:01 p.m.); Officers responded to Newton St in reference to a criminal mischief complaint (12:17 p.m.); Officers responded to Tiger Town Apartments in reference to a harassment complaint (5:05 p.m.); Officers responded to National Security in reference to a suspicious circumstances complaint (11:37 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9** — Officers responded to Guyton St in reference to a suspicious circumstances complaint (12:48 a.m.); Officers responded to 891 County Rd 367 in reference to a report of breaking and entering of a vehicle (1:20 p.m.); Officers responded to 708 Kennedy Dr in reference to a theft of property (5:22 p.m.); Officers responded to 2551 Taylor Mill Rd in reference to a burglary complaint (5:30 p.m.); Officers responded to 401 Adkinson Ave in reference to a noise complaint (8:25 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10** — Officers responded to 1539 Powell Circle in reference to a harassment complaint (6:52 a.m.); Officers responded to 1539 Powell Circle in reference to a harassment complaint (10:12 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Claxton Ave N (9:20 p.m.); Officers responded to 1232 Ann St in reference to a report of a man with a gun (10:12 p.m.); Officers responded to 1511 Caroline St in reference to a domestic complaint (10:22 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11** — Officers responded to 1676 County Rd 409 in reference to a report of a man

with a gun (12:25 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at 220 County Rd 401 (8:31 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at 1033 Morrow Ave (4:55 p.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident at 1100 Caroline St (10:21 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12** — Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle report on Davis St E (12:03 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint on Hickman Ave (12:26 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at Tiger Town Apartments (12:31 p.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 638 Claxton Ave (2:13 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 343 Sollie Dr (3:36 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of shots fired on Morrow Ave (9:21 p.m.).

**MONDAY, APRIL 13** — Officers responded to a powerline down at 1105 Guyton St (1:43 a.m.); Officers responded to area of the Dollar General for report of storm damage (3:51 a.m.); Officers responded to Hwy 84 to check debris in the roadway (3:58 a.m.); Officers responded to check debris in roadway on County Rd 505 (4:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at 442 County Rd 263 (7:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a storm damage complaint at 619 Mullins Circle (10:23 a.m.); Officers responded to a powerline down at 1110 Caroline St (4:22 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Hwy 84 W near Hwy 141 (5:16 p.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 178 County Rd 242 (5:41 p.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident on Hwy 166 just past the high school (5:42 p.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 113 Dunham Ave S (7:42 p.m.); Officers assisted another agency at 667 Reynolds Ave (9:24 p.m.); Officers responded to an assault complaint at 882 Forest Ave (10:43 p.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 619 Mullins Circle (11:07 p.m.); Officers responded to an assault complaint on Hwy 203 (11:08 p.m.); Officers responded to an assault complaint at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr and an arrest was made (11:44 p.m.).



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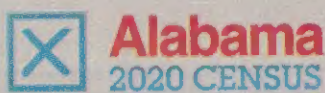
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## ELBA

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not only does this help first responders be better prepared, but it also helps protect them.

As of Monday evening's meeting, Hussey said there were 32 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Coffee County but only two of those were Elba residents. He said there were a few more county residents in that mix, but the majority of the cases thus far had been

Enterprise residents.

Chief Hussey did not that Coffee County had the highest increase in cases across the state from Friday, April 10, to Monday, April 13, with 10 new cases confirmed during that time frame. There was a drive-up testing site set up one day last week in Enterprise, and it is believed that attributed to the sudden larger increase in cases for Coffee

County as results from those tests began to come back to officials.

Also during the meeting, council members approved monthly bills totaling \$521,952.21 for payment. A motion to approve the bills was made by council member Jane Brunson with a second from council member AR Williams, and it was passed by unanimous vote.

The mayor said approximately \$200,000 of the bills approved for payment would be reimbursed to the city from various grant funds on completed projects.

The next Elba City Council meeting is set for Monday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m.

## CCBOE

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teacher at New Brockton Elementary; Shelly Nelson, Pre-K teacher at Zion Chapel; and Daisy Lott, elementary teacher at Zion Chapel.

Retirements approved included Ben Green, a bus driver for New Brockton Schools [last day of work will be May 21st]; and Dennis Shuman, custodian at Zion Chapel [last day of work will be June 30th].

Christina Greenwood, a custodian at Zion Chapel submitted her resignation, and it was approved by the board.

Additional support employee hires for the 2020-2021 school year were: Ceralene Edmondson, Pre-K aide at New Brockton Elementary; Bettie Danford, in-

structional aide at New Brockton Elementary; Kendra Thomas, superintendent's secretary at the central office; Lindsey Stinson, Pre-K aide at Zion Chapel; Kaley Moore, Pre-K aide at Zion Chapel; and Kayla Deal, custodian on a 10-month contract at Zion Chapel.

Also during the meeting, Killingsworth provided a quick capital projects update. He noted plans had been approved for the Zion Chapel stadium project; bids were soon to be opened on the New Brockton stadium project; and advertising needed to be done for the New Brockton classrooms addition project.

Killingsworth said he hoped the additional mod-

ular classrooms ordered for New Brockton Elementary School [to utilize beginning with the 2020-2021 school year] would be in place by the end of May to allow all other needed work to be done so those classrooms would be ready to go by start of the new school year.

Prior to adjourning, several board members commended Killingsworth for his leadership during the unprecedented time created by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The next regular Coffee County Board of Education meeting is set for May 5th; however, Killingsworth said there could be a need to hold a special meeting before that date to approve some matters pertaining to the capital projects.

## GEORGE DAVID HUTCHISON

Mr. George David Hutchison, age 62, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, April 11, 2020, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.



No formal services will be held at this time due to the threat of the COVID-19 virus. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home is serving the Hutchison family.

Mr. Hutchison was preceded in death by his parents, Dessree Davis Hutchison and Julian Sisroe Hutchison.

Survivors include her siblings: Julian Leonard Hutchison, Centennial, Colo.; Sidney Wink Hutchison, Pinellas Park, Fla.; James Benjamin Hutchison, New Brockton, Ala.; Janice Lena Boutwell, Elba, Curtis Steen Hutchison, New Brockton, Patsy Elizabeth Hutchison, Panama City, Fla., and Reba Ann Custer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

## RANDY RUDOLPH EDWARDS

Mr. Randy Rudolph Edwards, age 69, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Graveside services were held April 10, 2020 from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Chris Tidwell officiating. Hayes Funeral Home served the Edwards family.

Mr. Edwards was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Jewell Edwards, and a son, Danny Ray Edwards.

Survivors include his son: Ronnie Joe Edwards, Elba; **granddaughter:** Katti Golden, Elba; **grandson:** Jonathan Edwards, Enterprise, Ala.; **great-granddaughters:** Karly Golden and Laysee Golden, both of Elba, Dana Richards and Melanie Richards, both of New Brockton, Ala.; his **brother:** Harold Edwards, Columbus, Ga., sister: Diane Bagwell, Troy, Ala.;

## Elba Water &amp; Electric Board cancels special meeting that had been called for Monday

During the Elba City Council (teleconference) meeting held Monday evening, April 13, Elba Water & Electric Board chairman Tim Johnson announced that a special meeting for the board, which was to be held immediately after Monday's council meeting, had been cancelled. He said the board would instead just meet at its regular scheduled meeting time Monday, April 27th.

The Elba W&E board meeting the 4th Monday of each month immediately after the Elba City Council meets.

## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at &lt;www.elba-clipper.com&gt;

and special friend: Jane Marler, Elba.

## WESLEY WILSON CLARK

Mr. Wesley Wilson Clark, age 39, of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at his home.

Graveside services were held April 8, 2020 from Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Mark Griffin officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Wesley was preceded in death by his sister, Kacy Lee Clark.

Survivors include his **parents:** Wallace Wilson Clark and June Hodge Clark; **daughters:** Claire Elizabeth Clark and Courtney Lee Clark; his **ex-wife:** Crystal Clark, all of Jack; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

## DURWOOD NELSON

Mr. Durwood Nelson, age 79, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, April 12, 2020, at his home surrounded by family.

Due to the threat of COVID-19, grave-

side services were held Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, beginning at 2 p.m., with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family received friends at their home beginning Tuesday, April 14, from 3 p.m. until the service on Wednesday.

Survivors include his **wife:** Linda Sue Nelson, Elba; **sons:** Donald (Kim) Green, Brundidge, Ala., Scott (Danielle) Nelson, Elba; **daughters:** Dena (Eli) Praytor and Dawn Nelson, both of Elba; **grandchildren:** Shane (Anna) Nelson, Cassandra Nelson, Nikki Nelson, and Ryan (Brooklyn) Nelson; **great-grandchildren:** Jordan Donaldson, Serenity Donaldson, Annabelle Nelson, Kaiden Nelson, Desmond Williams, Mason Maddox, and Myles Williams; two **brothers:** Waylon Nelson and James (Glenda) Nelson; and a **sister:** Janie (Phillip) Little, all of Elba; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

## AWARD

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104 high school regional senior honorees were recognized and awarded more than \$380,000 in scholarships. The scholarship program, named in honor of the late coaches Paul "Bear" Bryant of Alabama and Ralph "Shug" Jordan of Auburn, recognized 52 regional scholar-athlete winners selected for their excellence in athletics and academics and 52 achievement winners chosen for their ability to overcome major obstacles during their high school careers. The complete list of regional winners honored Monday night were: **OVERALL BRYANT-JORDAN WINNERS** Larry Striplin Scholar-Athlete of the Year Recipient

Ben Williams, Phil Campbell High School  
**Ken and Betty Joy Blankenship Student-Achievement Award Recipient (co-winners)** Karmyn Sparks, Pleasant Valley High School

Governor Ivey says Census 2020 now more important than ever for Alabama

Gov. Kay Ivey today stressed the ongoing importance of the 2020 Census, which is currently under way and available for immediate online, phone or mail response.

"It is an unprecedented time in Alabama; however, we must remain committed to Census participation," said Gov. Ivey. "The COVID-19 pandemic shows the importance of state representation on a national level. If we lose a representative due to a low Census count, that would mean one less voice advocating for Alabama's needs during critical times in the future."

If Alabama's count falls shy of the 72 percent partici-

Hayden Holton, Elmore County High School **BRYANT-JORDAN SCHOLAR-ATHLETE CLASS WINNERS**

**Class 1A:** Alli Temple, Phillips High School  
**Class 2A:** Derek Warren II, Samson High School  
**Class 3A:** Ben Williams, Phil Campbell High School  
**Class 4A:** Josiah Green, Cherokee County High School

**Class 5A:** Joseph Perrella, Beauregard High School  
**Class 6A:** Isaac Stubbs, Wetumpka High School  
**Class 7A:** Ashley Sinclair-Curtis, Enterprise High School

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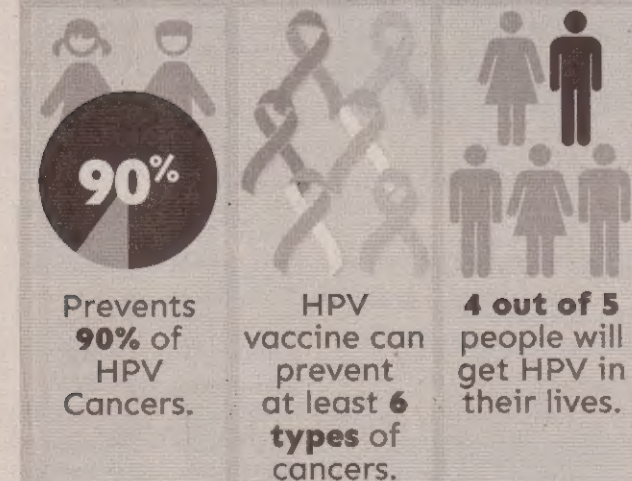
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5. Any family member that has been exposed to COVID-19 or is showing signs of active illness, such as fever or cough, will not be admitted to the funeral home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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# CHURCH NEWS & More

## Pastor's Corner

by Diana Farrell White, Pastor  
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

### THE NEGATIVES OF NORMAL

We've made it! We've survived four weeks distanced from one another. This past month has been a significant change of pace for everyone. We have physically distanced ourselves from family, friends, neighbors, schools and churches. We've begun wearing masks when we go out. We wash our hands more than ever! Work changed: working at home, working with protective gear or unable to work at all. Being "online" has become more of a necessity than a luxury as school and church have gone digital. I think we can all agree that things have changed.

I have heard many people say, "I can't wait for things to go back to normal." I hope things do NOT go back to normal.

Normal wasn't working.

Normal filled us with stress.

Normal kept our schedules too full.

Normal harmed our families.

Normal disoriented us.

Our priorities were out of alignment with the life that God designed for us to live.

Jesus' death and resurrection remind us that humanity is broken. We can only receive new life through death. On the cross, Jesus exposed our sin and everything wrong in this life. In Jesus' resurrection, we see that there is another chance and another way to live this human life. In this Easter season, we can look back at the life that Jesus led as an example for us. We can also look forward to the ways that we can go back to The Garden and reclaim God's purpose and rhythm for humanity.

What needs to die in you so that a new, better life can be born for you and your family?

What needs to be left behind to travel forward, unburdened by things that were holding you back?

What needs to change in this world to reveal God's vision for a better, hope-filled future?

Let's not waste this season! Let's repent, reconsider and reorient ourselves to a better way forward.



**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE...** On Friday afternoon, April 10, Basin Baptist Church pastor Dr. Sam Self changed the cloth on the cross in the church yard from purple to black symbolizing the death of Christ by crucifixion. Then, he spoke via Facebook live about the symbolism of that moment. This special Good Friday service is a tradition for Basin Baptist Church; however, instead of 20-30 people in attendance for the somber moment this year, it was done with the preacher completing the cloth change and then speaking to his congregation and many others that "tuned in" over a streaming internet service. This has become the current norm for many churches this month due to the COVID-19 crisis the nation has been battling. Early Sunday morning, that black cloth at Basin Baptist Church was changed to a white cloth in honor of the Resurrection of Christ! Self said it hurts his heart to not be able to see his church members inside the building right now, but he said that does not keep Jesus' followers from worshipping Him. They simply must find alternate ways to "get it done" until the COVID-19 pandemic improves.

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## CENSUS

Affairs. "Furthermore, responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send Census takers out into communities to follow up once restrictions are lifted."

Additionally, the Governor stressed that participation in the 2020 Census will not impact whether you receive a stimulus check, as the Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

"The answers you provide are used for statistical purposes only and in no way will impact personal stimulus package allocation," said Gov. Ivey.

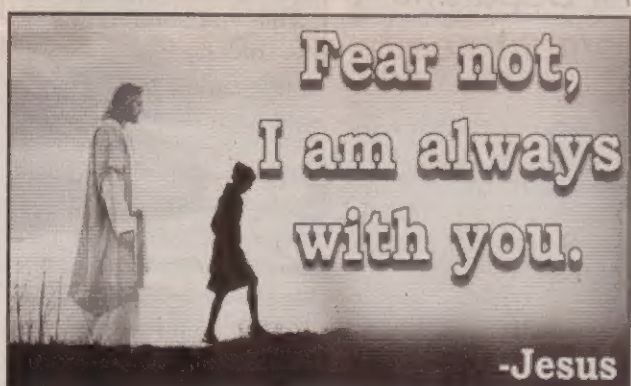
Alabamians can participate in the 10-question Census online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov), by phone at 1-844-330-2020 or by paper form — all without coming into contact with a Census taker. All participants' information is protected by strict federal law.

Due to COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau has formally announced adjustments to its original Census 2020 timeline, and Gov. Ivey and Chairman Boswell are in close contact with representatives monitoring the situation daily.

"Census participation is not merely a count; it's a road-map for our future. Now more than ever, the urgency of an

accurate count is vital to Alabama," added Gov. Ivey. "Help us create a future for Alabama that is one with proper consideration in times like this. Please fill out your Census today — our future depends on it."

Additional information on Census 2020, Alabama-specific statistics, local community resources and Alabama Counts! campaign assets can be found at [census.alabama.gov](http://census.alabama.gov).



## Round and About with Eria's Daughter (334) 897-3611



**Scripture:** A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress. Psalm 6: 1-10

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.**

Families of the late Glenn C. Kelley, Patients of the COVID-19 disease, Rose Coleman Russell, Beatrice Belcher, Min. Joyce B. Johnson, Betty Moore

**April Birthdays / Anniversaries**

Ashley Little 4/1  
Linda Pruitt 4/1  
Erin Vignola Fuller 4/2 (in memory)  
Tanisha Brunson 4/2  
Emmitt and Debbie W. Bright 4/3 W.A.  
Connie W. Banks 4/3  
Betsy Magwood Hooks 4/3  
Brenda Brooks 4/4  
Rev. Lovell and Ida Martin 4/6 W.A.  
Marquez Tyson 4/6  
Kara Phillips 4/6  
Mary Jones 4/6

**\*\* Counting the Cost**

Are you familiar with the expression, "Don't bite off more than you can chew?" We can imagine a person stuffing his mouth with so much food that he cannot easily chew or swallow. As a result, it is impossible for him to gain any enjoyment or satisfaction from what he is eating. And of course, we can understand the point that it is foolish to say "yes" to more responsibilities than we can realistically manage. We who are disciples of Jesus need to weigh carefully the many opportunities for service and to choose the one that best matches our gifts and abilities. Jesus deserves only our best and will settle for nothing less. "Counting the Cost" is also imperative for those who are not yet disciples. And as they weigh that choice, they must consider not only what it cost to follow but what it means to reject Christ's call. Yes, it cost to follow Jesus — some even lose their lives in

His service. But the cost of not following, of remaining lost for eternity, is far greater!

**Question / Answer Section**

Q/A for the Week of 4/9/20 — Fill in the Blanks

Q: Jesus said that the cup He gave to the disciples was the blood.

A: New Covenant [read Luke 22: 20]

Q: Mary said "My \_\_\_\_\_ doth \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and my \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ in God my Saviour."

A: soul, magnifies, spirit, rejoiced [read Luke 1: 46, 47]

**Think on These Things**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path. — Proverbs 3: 5-6

**Questions for the Week of 4/16/20**

**True or False**

Q: The unjust steward in Jesus' parable thought that begging was a possible way out of his dilemma?

Q: The City of David was called: Bethlehem?

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**

Eria's Daughter, Sue



## Church Directory

**IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN**

**ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Remona Smith  
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dale Morgan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training ... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry  
Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Ben Posey, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service ... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPT CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kevin Byrd, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Walt Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train ... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services ... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed ... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.

**OAK GROVE BAPT CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

**PRATSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship ... 12:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon. ... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri. Missionary Ser. ... 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Shayne Allen, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORY TABERNACLE**  
Ruby Lawson, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tommy Green, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Donnie Marler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn.

## LIFESTYLES

Dear New Hope Senior Center Seniors,

Thank you for your love, support and understanding during these trying times. I know this is not the way we had hoped things would be, but we trust that God will see us through. Hang in there, and we will be back together in no time!

Special thanks to Kim Ellis, Patti Culver, the Coffee County Commission, SARCOA, Penny Price, James Moultry, and each member of the New Hope Senior Center and the Community.

Having you here truly makes the difference! God has it all in control! We choose faith over fear! Love you all!

Conzuella Banks

Director, New Hope Senior Center

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## Coffee County EMA board of directors releases info addressing preparation and response to COVID-19

The information below was provided by the Coffee County EMA board of directors in reference to what Coffee County is doing in its continuing efforts to prepare and respond to the COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) outbreak.

**What do we think is going to happen?** We are planning for various case-loads and infection rates and are hoping for our infection rate in Alabama to peak somewhere around the third week in April. We have used various modeling techniques and have been in constant contact with Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and other government agencies to ensure we have the latest information. Unfortunately, no models are 100% correct and the projected numbers of infections have fluctuated wildly. We prefer accuracy over speed when planning for a response and so as we

test more people we will have more adequate models and can adjust our response up or down depending on the numbers.

**Alternative Care Sites (ACS):** The state is currently working plans for various ACS throughout Alabama. Locally we have coordinated with the Medical Center Enterprise (MCE) and have made plans for various ACS in and around Enterprise. These sites are planned to take advantage of all available space and personnel to allow for tiered support of additional hospital capacity. We have also expanded our capacity in the hospital under our current surge plan. This is just a contingency plan to ensure we are ready should these assets be called upon. Again, we currently have no issues.

**Medical Personnel:** The Alabama Governor's Office of Volunteer Services now has a page seeking medi-

cally trained personnel volunteers. We are directing all medically trained personnel who wish to volunteer to the Alabama Governor's Office of Volunteer Services website, <https://www.serve-alabama.gov/alabamaready> op

**Testing Sites:** In coordination with ADPH we have hosted a local testing site on 7 April 2020. We tested over 40 people with symptoms of COVID-19 who either self-identified or were sent by their physicians.

"This is an unprecedented event that takes the help and assistance of all of us working together," said James Brown, Coffee County EMA director. "The Coffee County Emergency Management Board thanks the public for their vigilance and for listening to and obeying all the enacted social distancing rules and public health orders."

## Elba teenager surprised with birthday 'parade'

Birthday number 14 will be one to remember for Adalyn O'Neal of Elba!

The COVID-19 pandemic and all its social distancing orders can create gloom when it comes to celebrating birthdays right now; however, Adalyn's family and friends made sure that was not the case Monday, April 13, as she celebrated her 14th birthday.

At 5:30 p.m. Monday evening a long string of vehicles filled with well-wishers began parading through the circular drive at Adalyn's house... there were horns blowing, music playing, gifts handed out the windows, and lots of "Happy Birthday" cheers for Adalyn as some of her favorite people participated in the birthday parade.

"Adalyn sure felt all the love today," her mom Sasha said. "I had tears in my eyes just watching friends and family pull through our driveway wishing Adalyn a happy birthday."

This is just another example of folks thinking 'outside the box' as they come up with new ways to celebrate one another during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.



Adalyn O'Neal celebrated her 14th birthday Monday, April 13, and while traditional birthday parties with family and friends are on halt currently due to the COVID-19 crisis, that did not keep Adalyn's family and friends from finding a special way to celebrate her! She was surprised with a "Birthday Parade" of vehicles filled with folks wanting to say happy birthday and drop off gifts from their windows Monday evening. It helped put a big 'ole sweet smile on Adalyn's face and warmed the hearts of her parents. Adalyn is the daughter of Brady and Sasha O'Neal of Elba. It was definitely a birthday to remember!!

## Two from New Brockton named to Chancellor's List for Term 3 at Troy University

Troy University announced students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for Term 3 of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. Term 3 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with students outside of Alabama and online.

Local students from New Brockton, Ala., who made the list include: Caitlin Gray and Robert Schuler.

## Elba resident named to Troy Provost's List

Megan Coleman of Elba, Ala., has been named to the Provost's List at Troy University for Term 3 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

The Provost's List honors full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point

average of at least 3.65. Term 3 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with students outside of Alabama and online.

**Lifestyles News is Due on Monday!**

## Alabama's community colleges assist Department of Public Health with medical equipment needs

Alabama's community colleges are working with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to provide much needed medical equipment - including ventilators - to hospitals who need them to aid patients during the coronavirus pandemic.

The supplies are made available from the colleges' simulated healthcare settings, where thousands of students who choose Alabama's community colleges each year train for medical careers. The equipment the colleges use is the same, top-quality supply used in hospitals and healthcare facilities across the state.

## Elba's American Legion Post #42 seeks participants in essay contest for Alabama Girls and Boys State

Elba's American Legion Post 42 is asking students who are in the 11th grade to enter an essay contest for Alabama Girls and Boys State. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the essay contest is being handled differently this year.

The young man or lady selected will participate in government such as Senate, House of Representatives and the Governor. He/she also will participate in county offices such as Sheriff and Probate Judge just to name a few. They will be competing for scholarships besides the one they will receive just for attending the event.

The essay topic is: Many great leaders are determined and committed to their causes. The students are asked to write about something he/she feels passionately about—and then explain how he/she could lead others to also care about the cause. The essay must be 1-2 pages, but no more than 3 pages please.

Include a cover page with title, student's name, phone number, email address and home address so American Legion officials can notify the winner. DEADLINE for essay submission is April 24, 2020.

"It's no mistake that 'community' is embedded in the very names of our colleges," said ACCS Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker. "Much like our efforts to meet the needs of every student that crosses our path, our colleges work every day to help meet the needs of the communities they serve. We are grateful for the daily sacrifice of Alabama's healthcare providers and are grateful we can do our part to help serve our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic."

In addition to providing ventilators, community colleges across the state have donated personal protective

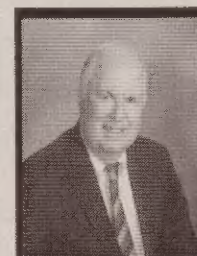
equipment, or PPE, to local hospitals and other healthcare providers.

The ACCS will coordinate with the ADPH Center for Emergency Preparedness to assist with requests for medical supplies made directly to the ADPH.

"On behalf of the Alabama Department of Public Health, I am grateful for the willingness of the Alabama Community College System to grant the urgent request for the loan of their available ventilators in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," said State Health Officer, Scott Harris. "We are continually encouraged by the number of entities across the state that are rising to the occasion to meet the needs of the citizens of Alabama."

## Alabama Peanut Referendum Postponed

Due to the Stay-At-Home Order the Alabama Peanut Producers Association has postponed the Peanut Referendum vote. All eligible peanut producers will be notified of the rescheduled date as soon as it becomes available.



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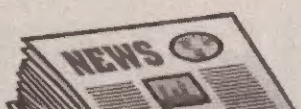
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ESTATE OF JAMES E. FLOWERS, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC 2020-009

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law of the same will be barred. /s/ Kimmey E. Flowers, Personal Representative 4/9,13&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, AL-

ABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. KELLEY DECEASED

CASE NO: PC 2019-100

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of December, 2019 by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate of said county in said State, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law of the same will be barred. Charles S. Kelley Edwin B. Kelley Personal Representatives of the Estate of Charles E. Kelley, Deceased 4/16,23/30-chg.

## Covington Electric CoOp extends suspension of electric service disconnects for non-payment through April 30th

Covington Electric Cooperative [CEC] is continuing to work with its members during this unprecedented health crisis. CEC has extended its suspension of electric service disconnects for non-payment through April 30. Late fees and arrangement fees will also be waived during this time period.

CEC reminds its members that payments for electric service are still due by the members' due dates and the co-op encourages all members who are not financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to pay their bills on time. This will help avoid larger bills during the next billing cycle that could potentially include two or more months of service.

The CoOp is committed to the health and safety of its employees and members and that is why the current closure of all CEC lobbies will continue until further notice. "In an effort to be as diligent as possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have instructed our employees to practice social distancing and this includes those working in the field," said Ed Short, CEC president, CEO and general manager. "We're asking our members to also honor this practice by keeping a safe six feet distance from our employees if they encounter them on, or near their property while working. CEC is also closing our drive thru windows at all offices until further notice beginning April 7."

## South Alabama Electric Cooperative's office remains closed through April 30th

South Alabama Electric Cooperative's office will remain closed through April 30th in an effort to continue doing what is best for employees and members. SAEC is continuing to assess the situation daily and considers the health of members and employees to be a top priority. While the lobby is closed, SAEC is not. The cooperative is still working to provide excellent service and respond to any outages that may occur. Because of this there are numerous ways to conduct business. SAEC encourages members to take advantage of a variety of options to pay their utility bill:

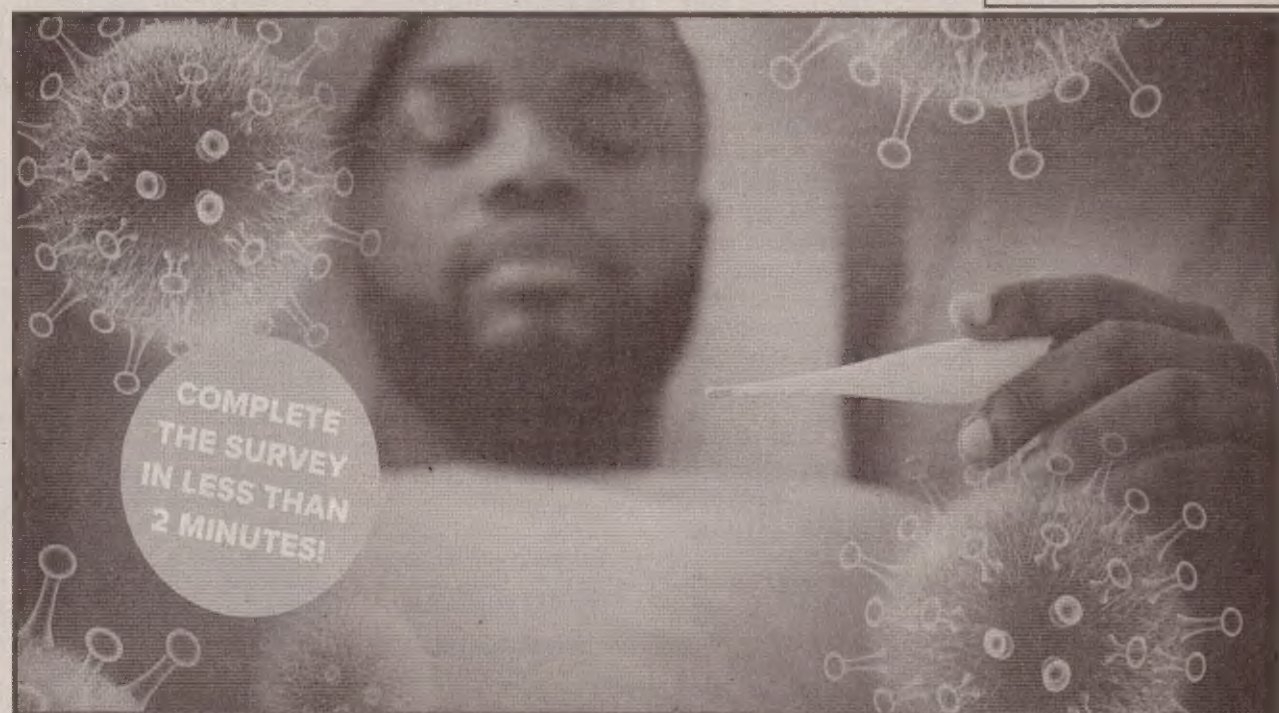
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CEC members have several ways to make payments, sign up for new service, and conduct other co-op related business as needed. Some of these methods including using the CEC website covington.coop, the CEC App or by calling 800-239-4121 during regular business hours. CEC will continue to update its members regarding changes to office procedures, billing policies, etc., through its website and Facebook page. "We truly appreciate our great members and we want everyone to know that we are in this together and we will get through this together," said Short.

## Governor issues Supplemental Emergency Proclamation to Allow Parole Hearings to Resume

Governor Kay Ivey on Monday issued a supplemental emergency proclamation, which directs the Board of Pardons and Paroles to resume parole hearings, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hearings will resume in a manner that reduces person-to-person interaction. At the same time, the Board of Pardons and Paroles will be preserving the right of crime victims, crime victim representatives, public officials and other interested parties to present their views to the Board. In the governor's ongoing efforts to combat COVID-19, any provision of Alabama law allowing individuals to appear in person at a meeting of the Board is suspended. The Board of Pardons and Paroles will also allow views to be presented to them through written or emailed statements, as well as by phone.



## COVID-19 SYMPTOM TRACKER

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HelpBeatCOVID19.org produces an interactive map showing how areas are effected and hot spots that are showing a rise in symptoms. We hope to learn more about how coronavirus is spreading in rural communities who have health disparities so we can help fight the spread of the disease.

## HelpBeatCOVID19.org

## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Lawson and his Mom came over last weekend** for a picnic and to hunt Easter eggs and it was really good to see the little man again after only seeing him from a distance for three weeks. He still loved to play his video games, but did hunt eggs and then hid some for his Aunt Mel to find, and ate a plate filled with macaroni and cheese. Yep, he is still the same little man that holds our hearts!

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **I have been reading about the ways** different high school coaches are trying to reach and teach their players, and talked with a coach in Georgia last week that said the staff he was on was busy on a site named 'zoom.' The site allows the coaches to meet with their position players, watch videos of past games as well as instruction videos, and actually see who they are talking to. I know the key to keeping the team together relies on how the players react and their dedication to off-season conditioning, but being able to contact the players on-line at least keeps the team together, if only on the computer.

\*\*\* **The Major League Baseball season** may be only weeks away from starting, if we can believe what we read. According to reports, all the teams in both leagues will be housed in Arizona for the start of the season and will play games at the home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and at various spring training sites across the state. No fans will be allowed in the stadiums, but all the games would be televised and the teams would be housed in separate hotels. Sounds like a good idea to me since I am already tired of watching westerns on TV.

\*\*\* **In closing...** Word is that Luverne is close to hiring a new head football coach to replace Scott Rials. Rumors are that they are down to three prospects, and for once I seem to know all three coaches in the running. I guess before long we will know who will fill the shoes for the Tigers.

Spotlight on the ....  
OUTDOORS

The Coffee County Lake, an 86-acre public fishing lake located six miles from Elba on County Road 364, is open on Wednesday through Sunday from sun'up until sundown for anglers of all ages. The lake is known for having some of the biggest bass in the state, and also is filled with bluegill, shellcracker, catfish and crappie.

A state license is required for all anglers ages 12-64, and a daily \$3 permit is also required to fish at the lake. For more information call 334-447-2384.



**EVERY PADGETT**... continued to enjoy his weekly trips to the Coffee County Lake and last week caught this 5.2 pound bass. He released the bass after the picture was taken.



**MEGHAN MILAY** and her family made quite a haul last week while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. The largest catfish tipped the scales at just over 9 pounds, while the total catch included nine catfish, one bass and three bream. The public fishing lake is open Wednesday - Sunday from sunup until sundown and has a stocked bait shop for all needs.

## Elba golfers win 'Battle for 84'

A conversation between golfers from the Elba Country Club and Opp Country Club that had often played both against each other and with each other over the years at numerous tournaments turned into reality recently when 'The Battle of 84' golf match was staged to pit one club against the other.

The event was staged at the Elba Country Club with a format that included a match play scramble on Saturday and a four-ball match on Sunday with two Elba golfers battling two Opp golfers in each match.

The first team to earn four and one-half points would take home the honors in the match play event between eight of the top golfers from Elba and eight of the Opp's top golfers, and the event proved nothing short of interesting and exciting.

The Elba golfers dominated in the scramble format and jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first round on Saturday, but the Opp golfers refused to throw in the towel and battled back on Sunday to win the first three matches to pull within 4-3 with only one match left on the course.

Opp's duo of captain Cody Hall and teammate Britt Wilson came out hot in their match against Elba's Mark Wicker and John Martin Wilson and held a three up lead with only four holes left to play.

The Elba duo won holes fifteen through seventeen as John Martin Wilson birdied fifteen, Mark Wicker birdied sixteen and Wicker won seventeen with a with a par to even the match. Neither team was able to win the



**ELBA COUNTRY CLUB - 'BATTLE FOR 84' WINNERS**

final hole of the match, which gave both teams one-half point, and gave Elba the title and the plaque as the winners of the 'Battle of 84.'

Members of the Elba team were captain Jamison 'Biskit' Baker, Chase Rogers, Chace Sauls, Dylan Moulton, Trey Gary, Mark Wicker, Tanner Skinner and John Martin Wilson, while Opp was represented by captain Cody 'Cookie' Hall, Britt Wilson, Bradley Cassidy, Holt Parker, Adam Kilpatrick, Cory Ellis and Tyler Dent.

Social distancing was maintained by the golfers and the fans at the two-day event, which will now become an annual tournament between the golfers from each country club.



**TO THE WINNERS....** Elba Country Club team members (l-r) Chase Rogers and Chace Sauls hold the unique plaque that went to the winners of the 'Battle for 84.'

## Seniors were valuable in success of area teams

The high school baseball and softball seasons were cut short when schools across the state were ordered closed by the governor, but all the teams in the area did compete for over four weeks prior to the shutdown and left their mark in the history books.

Here is a look at how the book might read for the 2020 seasons:

**Elba High**

The Elba Tigers were off to a 5-5 start in baseball and needed only a series win over area rival Kinston to earn a spot in the post-season playoffs. Seniors included Chanler Coppage, Josh Tidwell, Kenneth Qualls and Isaac Watkins.

The Elba Lady Tigers fielded a young squad and owned a 1-7 record when the season was stopped. Seniors included Zaida Williams and Praise Edwards.

**New Brockton High**

The New Brockton Gamecocks got off to a fast 4-2 start, but owned a 5-4 record when the last pitch was thrown. Seniors included Clay Cotney, Russell Weeks, Ethan Stinson and Kade Brunson.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were off to a 4-2 start and owned a 2-0 area slate when the final out was called. Seniors included Lacey Sprinkle, Paula McKenna and Mary Beth Smith.

**Kinston High**

The Kinston Bulldogs had posted six straight wins

after a season opening loss and boasted a 6-1 record at the stoppage. Seniors included Blayne Moore and Colby Copeland.

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs owned a 4-3 record after a slow 0-2 start and had their eyes set on an area title. Seniors included Abigail Johnson, Kinsey Mitchell, Courtney Lunsford, Mackinlee Elmore and Emma Sutherland.

**Zion Chapel High**

The Zion Chapel Rebels owned a 5-5 record at the final out after getting off to a fast 4-1 start. Seniors included Ben Hutchinson and Jon Grantham.

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels had lost five straight games and owned a 1-8 record when the final pitch was thrown. The lone senior was Hannah Arnold.

**Brantley High**

The Brantley Bulldogs were on a two-game losing streak at the stoppage, but still owned a 10-4 record and had their eyes focused on a run toward a state title. Seniors included Adam Carlisle, Bryce Dunn, Caleb Odom, Lucas Richardson and Samuel Tompkins.

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs had lost three of their last five games, but still owned a 12-3 record and was determined to regain their status as the top team in the 1A ranks. Seniors included Emory Bush, Star Edwards and Anna Kimbro.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Westside Baptist Church, located on Caroline Street, in Elba is one of the Elba City Schools' Child Nutrition Program breakfast and lunch curbside pickup sites each Monday morning. The school bus is at Westside from 10:25 - 10:40 a.m. each Monday. This service provided by Elba City Schools is for children ages 1 - 18.

## Coffee County property tax sale delayed due to COVID-19 crisis

The annual delinquent property tax auction sale, set for next week has been postponed, according to the Coffee County Revenue Commissioner's office. State revenue officials made the call to reschedule the sales.

The sale is at this time rescheduled for May 26, 2020. The properties that have not yet been paid will be advertised again in The Elba Clipper beginning next week as a reminder to property owners and potential buyers of the property.

## MEALS

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### ELBA CITY SCHOOL'S CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

### CURBSIDE PICK UP



Starting April 20<sup>th</sup>, visit us on Mondays at the following locations and times!

ALL DRIVE UP FAMILIES PLEASE USE THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL PICK-UP LOCATION

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Morrow Village	1021 Farris Ave Elba, AL	10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Powell Trailer Court	Elba, AL	10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Mullins Apartments	Kendrick St. Elba, AL	10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Westside Baptist Church	1026 Caroline St. Elba, AL	10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Harris Temple	747 Adams St. Elba, AL	10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Beaver Dam Apartments	100 Beaver Dam St.	10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Each MONDAY children will receive 5 breakfast and 5 lunch meals (10 meals)

Pick-up locations will have a bus/vehicle drive up to hand out meals during the times listed above. Meals will be handed out based on the number of children.

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A MEAL

This program will be solely for the pick-up of meals, and meals will not be consumed on site. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the sites once the meals have been distributed.

We encourage you to continue practices to slow the spread of Covid-19 such as washing your hands, covering sneezes and coughs and observing social distancing protocols.

Call 334-897-3000 or email [cmorgan@elbaed.com](mailto:cmorgan@elbaed.com) if you have any questions.

## Alabama's governor and state health officer provide update on Alabama's current fight against COVID-19

Governor said a decision would be made prior to April 30th Stay at Home order

With Alabama's 'Stay at Home' Public Health Order still in place, Governor Kay Ivey and State Public Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris held a press conference Tuesday morning, April 14, to give an update on where things stood for the state at that moment. "All indicators show the 'Stay at Home' Order is working," Governor Ivey said.

She spoke on getting Alabama open again when the time is right amid the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis. The governor said because this likely would not be a 'One Size Fits All' matter, that she would be turning the state's congressional delegates to look at what is best for their part

of the state, and she would comprise an executive committee to oversee this matter.

Ivey said 264,000 citizens had filed for unemployment over the past four weeks, and it is imperative to get Alabama working again; however, she said it must be done in phases to continue to also ensure the public health safety of the state's citizens as well.

"This is not the time to put our guards down," Ivey said. "On or before April 28th, Dr. Harris and I will review the current stay at home order before it expires."

She said they would make a decision on what to do regarding it before April 30th - the date the current order ends.

As he addressed Alabamians during the press conference Dr. Harris said the predictions regarding COVID-19 in Alabama look a lot better now than first anticipated. He attributed that mostly to the citizens of the state staying home and social distancing as officials had asked them to do.

"Overall, I have been very pleased with how our state is responding [to the Stay at Home Order]," Harris said. "We know we will continue to see new cases, but at the moment our numbers look as good as we could expect. The thing that has affected that mostly is the people who have taken this seriously and stayed at home."

As of Tuesday's 11 a.m. press conference, there had been 3,805 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Alabama with 105 deaths [73 of those confirmed to be a result of the virus]. As of 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, the confirmed cases had increased to 3,876 with 110 deaths [73 confirmed].

In Coffee County, the number of confirmed cases was at 36 as of 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon from 240 total tests.

Under the "Stay at Home" order effective through 5 p.m. April 30, Essential businesses and operations, listed below, must take all reasonable steps to avoid gatherings of 10 persons or more and maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons.:

- Essential government

functions

- Health-care providers and caregivers
- Essential infrastructure
- Manufacturing facilities
- Agricultural operations and farms,
- Essential retailers
- Essential services
- Media operations
- Education operations
- Financial services
- Professional services
- Providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations
- Construction and construction-related services
- Essential public services
- Military or defense operations
- Essential services or product providers
- Religious entities
- Federally designated critical infrastructure
- Other state-designated essential businesses and operations

"We want to get folks back to work as soon as we can but as safe as we can," Ivey said.

Essential activities allowed under the Stay at Home Order include (must maintain 6-foot distance):

- To obtain necessary supplies
- To obtain or provide necessary services
- To attend religious services
- To take care of others
- To work at essential businesses and operations
- To engage in outdoor activity
- To seek shelter
- To travel as required by law
- To see family members

Any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall be quarantined to their place of residence for a period of 14 days after receiving positive test results. Quarantined persons may not leave their place of residence for any reason other than to seek necessary medical treatment.

Permissible reasons for people to leave their residences and places where they may go are described in more detail in the health order which may be viewed at [alabamapublichealth.gov](http://alabamapublichealth.gov).

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